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MEMORANDUM FOR: North Dakota Wing Pilots

FROM: Commander

SUBJECT: Aircraft Pre- and Post-Flight Inspections

1. The tail tie-down loop from N634CP was broken and lost. This is the second time that this has happened in a year to the same airplane. We cannot afford to lose another tail tie-down loop, especially from this aircraft.
2. To assist you in preventing this from happening again, I am directing that all pilots pay particular attention to the empennage portion of the preflight inspection to make sure that the tie-down is there prior to flight. This must be done whether the aircraft has been, or will be, tied down either before or after the flight.
3. All pilots will conduct a post-flight inspection of the aircraft. Check to make sure that no damage occurred during the flight. The post-flight inspection will consist of examining the following aircraft systems and components:
 - a. The landing gear and tires,
 - b. The propeller,
 - c. The fuselage (top and bottom),
 - d. The wings (top and bottom), and
 - e. The tail (especially the tie-down) for obvious wear/damage.

This will be visual inspection for any obvious damage.

4. Wing Check Pilots will insure compliance with this policy during annual CAPF 5 check rides.
5. Failure to comply with this policy may result in the loss of flying privileges and remedial instruction in proper aircraft operations. Failure to enforce this policy by squadrons may result in the loss of aircraft stationed with that squadron.

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Commander